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**Howells Bridge to be Closed for Night Work**

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation announced that the Howell's Bridge, just west of Caribou Road on State Route 70 in Plumas County, will be closed for two consecutive nights, August 18 and 19, 2004. The closure will take place between the hours of 8 p.m. and Midnight, with a two hour closure anticipated within that time frame. The closure is necessary to replace steel cross bracing members, which will increase the vertical clearance of the bridge.

This work is part of a three-year project that will rehabilitate five bridges along SR 70 in the Feather River Canyon. Bridges are located at Pulga, Rock Creek, Storrie, Tobin and Howell's. Rehabilitation will include replacement of bridge deck, seismic retrofitting and bridge strengthening, upgrade of bridge rail, approach guardrail and approach concrete barrier, clean and overlay of the bridge deck. The project began in 2001 and is anticipated to be complete by next summer.

Jim Rogers is the Resident Engineer. The contractor is American Civil Constructors of Benicia.

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